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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Noriaki HIRAGA

Application No. 09/625,643

Filed: July 25, 2000

For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT DEVICE WITH
ENHANCED RESISTANCE TO
ELECTROSTATIC BREAKDOWN



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Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.
2. Additional papers enclosed.

- ☒ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes (including 4 substitute drawing sheets)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Form PTO-1449, 21 references included
- ☐ Citations
- ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
- ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. **EXTENSION OF TIME**

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

☒ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	[Fee for Small Entity]
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 380.00	\$190.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 870.00	\$435.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,360.00	\$680.00

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Extension of time fee due with this request: \$_____.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

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☐ An extension for __ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

3. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims	45	minus	45	0	_ x \$18 each=	+\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	0	_ x \$78 each=	+\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$260.00	+\$
SUB-TOTAL =						\$ 0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						-\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$ 0.00

4. Fee Payment

☒ No fee is to be paid at this time.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the additional claims fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension of time fee or additional fee for claims due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

☒ **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B and 6 be substituted with the corresponding figures of the attached substitute drawing sheets.

It is respectfully submitted that these changes introduce no new matter as they conform to the specification and/or drawings as originally filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.81(d).

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